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SUBJECT: POLITICAL ITEMS IN POPE'S ADDRESS TO CARDINALS

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SUMMARY: IN HIS ADDRESS TO CARDINALS, POPE PAUL DEVOTED SPECIAL ATTENTION TO VIETNAM, NORTHERN IRELAND, UN DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND MIDEAST. POPE OFFERED HOLY SEE'S ASSISTANCE TO HELP TO ACHIEVE SOLUTION IN ME AND STATED THAT HE HAD DUTY AS WELL AS RIGHT TO MAKE CHURCH'S VIEWS ON JERUSALEM FELT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN HIS LENGTHY ADDRESS TO COLLEGE OF CARDINALS DEC 21, POPE PAUL MADE FOLLOWING CLEAR STATEMENT OF HIS INTENT TO HAVE VOICE
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IN SETTLEMENT OF JERUSALEM AND HOLY PLACES: "WE ARE HERE MORE TO

RECALL OUR DUTY AS WELL AS OUR RIGHT TO TAKE ACTION SO THAT ANY EVENTUAL SOLUTION FOR JERUSALEM AND THE HOLY PLACES RESPONDS TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SPECIAL RELIGIOUS CHARACTER OF THAT CITY, UNIQUE IN THE WORLD, AND THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE THREE GREAT MONOTHEISTIC RELIGIONS WHICH HAVE IN THE HOLY LAND SANCTUARIES AMONG THE MOST PREVIOUS AND DEAR TO THEIR HEARTS. THE COURTEOUS INTEREST WHICH SO MANY QUARTERS HAVE ALREADY SHOWN TO KNOW THE THOUGHTS OF THE HOLY SEE ON THESE MATTERS AND THE DEFERENCE SHOWN TO US BY THE ISRAEL AUTHORITY MAKE US SURE OF HAVING THE CHANCE TO MAKE OUR VOICE HEARD CONVENIENTLY WHEN SUCH QUESTIONS ARE PLACED UNDER CONCRETE DISCUSSIONS."

2. AFTER OUTLINING CULTURAL, HISTORIC AND RELIGIOUS IMPORTANCE OF ME FOR EVERYONE, POPE PAUL STRESSED URGENCY OF SOLUTION AND HIS GOOD WISHES TO GENEVA CONFERENCE. HOLY SEE WILL CONTINUE CAREFULLY TO FOLLOW SITUATION AND MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH ALL PARTIES. HOLY SEE IS "WILLING TO OFFER ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO HELP ACHIEVE SOLUTION." POPE EXPRESSED SPECIAL SOLICITUDE "FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED GREATEST SINCE 1947," THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES FROM THEIR LANDS. ALTHOUGH THEIR CAUSE IS SOMETIME PLACED BEFORE WORLD OPINION BY BRUTAL REPREHENSIBLE ACTS, POPE COMMENTED, THAT MUST NOT LEAD ONE TO BELIEVE THERE IS NO MERIT IN THEIR CAUSE.

3. POPE EXPRESSED HIS SORROW THAT VIETNAM HAS NOT YET RETURNED TO FULL PEACE AND THAT THERE HAVE BEEN MANY VICTIMS SINCE THE PARIS AGREEMENTS. HOPEFULLY, HE SAID, BOTH GOVTS CAN NEGOTIATE FURTHER DETAILS OF PEACE. HE ALSO EXPRESSED WISH THAT PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM WILL BE ABLE FREELY TO HOLD ELECTIONS UNDER UN AUSPICES.

4. POPE WELCOMED RECENT AGREEMENTS OVER NORTHERN IRELAND, BUT DEPLORED THE CONTINUED BLOODSHED PERPETRATED BY BOTH SIDES.

5. POPE MADE FERVENT APPEAL FOR THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. HE SAID THAT "REAL AND LASTING PEACE IS NOT POSSIBLE UNTIL THE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLES ARE DULY RECOGNIZED, AMONG WHICH ARE SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE." HE ALSO NOTED THAT AS LONG AS A CITIZEN DOES NOT ENJOY HIS LEGITIMATE FREEDOM WITHIN THE INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY, THE UN DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WILL REMAIN A HOLLOW SYMBOL. VOLPE

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